I he@by certify that this paper is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail 🙀 envelope addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Michelle L. Couch

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

NICHOLAS M. VALIANTE et al

For: USE OF TRYPTANTHRIN COMPOUNDS FOR IMMUNE POTENTIATION

Serial No.:

10/762,873

Confirmation No.:5927

Filed:

01/21/2004

Group Art Unit: 1617

Examiner:

Yong Soo Chong

## PETITION FOR THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants herewith request a three -month extension of time to respond to the Final Office Action mailed 03/21/2006 in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.136.

Enclosed please find a check to cover the three-month extension of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR §§1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper, or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 03-1664. This, however, is not authorization to pay the issue fee.

Respectfully submitted,

Bv:

Reg. No. 42,013

NOVARTIS VACCINES AND DIAGNOSTICS, INC.

Intellectual Property – R338

P.O. Box 8097

Emeryville, CA 94662-8097

(510) 923-2969

09/26/2006 DEMMANU1 00000011 10762873

02 FC:1253